Insurance scheme for powerloom workers

2761. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the insurance scheme for powerloom workers has not taken off;

(b) if so, the reasons for the failure; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to review this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) The Powerloom Workers Insurance Scheme was formulated during the middle of 1992-93 and subsequently all the State Government were requested for its speedy implementation. The scheme envisages equal contribution by the Central Govt., State Govt., and Powerloom Workers. Due to the decentralised nature of the powerloom sector this scheme took time to take off. The Central Government has after much persuation been able to obtain a response during the year 1993-94 and the scheme is now under implementation in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan. Other State Governments have been reminded in this behalf. As the scheme has just started, the question of a review at present does not arise. However, progress is regularly monitored.

Proposals for the Expansion of Seri culture

2762. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of proposals under Government's consideration for expanding sericulture;

(b) the States which will be selected for giving incentives for sericulture; and

(c) the steps proposed to enhance the quality of silk proposed in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) The programmes for expansion of sericulture are primarily formulated and implemented by the concerned State Sericulture Departments. The proposals being considered by the Government to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in this regard inter-alia include strengthening of the R and D, Extension, Training, Infrastructural support etc. for this sector and a central plan outlay of Rs. 240 crores has been earmarked for the development of sericulture during the VIIIth Plan. All the States which have potential for sericulture development can be considered for the benefits of these programmes.

(c) The various programmes being undertaken/proposed to be undertaken to enhance the quality of silk produced in the country include providing of incentive bonus for production of bivoltine silk cocoons/bivoltine raw silk, propagation of new high yielding varieties of mulberry, new varieties of productive silkworm races, disease control measures, development of Basic Seed Farms for improving silkworm seed quality and extension support for transfer of improved technology etc.

Schemes for Modernisation of NTC Mills

2763. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of modernisation schemes implemented by different mills during the last three years

which are working under National Textile Corporation (WBABO)) Limited;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of mills had to abandon the ongoings of modernisation for want of funds;

(c) whether Government had not made any alternative sources of fund for carrying out the modernisation schemes; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) No scheme for the modernisation of any of the mills of NTC (WBAB and O) Ltd. has been implemented during the last three year

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम के मिलों का आधुनिकीकरण

2764. **श्री वि ठ्ठल व माधवराव जाधव:** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री 22 दिसम्बर, 1993 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न सं० 171 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंग और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उन मिलों के नाम क्या हैं जिनका आधुनिकीकरण किये जाने का प्रस्ताव है ; और

(ख) आधुनिकीकरण पर कुल कितनी धनराशि खर्च किये जाने की प्रस्ताव है ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जी० वेंकट स्वामी) (क) और (ख) : एन० टी०सी० की उन 79 मिलों की सूची विवरण के रुप में संलग्न है जिनका सूती वस्त्र अनुसंधान संघ द्वारा तैयार की गई योजनाओं के अनुसार 2005.67 करोड़ रु० की लागत से आधुनिकीकरण करने का प्रस्ताव है ।

विवरण

अनुसंधान संघों की योजनानुसार आधुनिकीकरण के लिए 79 मिलों का सूची-पत्र

क्रम स०	सहायक कम्पनी/एकक	स्थान
एन टी सी (एपीकेके एण्ड एम) बंगलौर :		
1.	नेथा स्पिनिंग मिल्स	सिकदराबाद
2.	आनन्तापुर काटन मिल्स	वेरगुन्टापल्ली
3.	श्री यल्लमा काटन वूलन एण्ड सिल्क मिल्स	बेवनगीर
4.	कन्नानूर स्पि. एण्ड वी. मिल्स	कन्नानूर
5.	अदोनी काटन मिल्स	अदोनी
6.	मिनर्वा (मिनर्वा प्रोसेसिंग सहित)	बंगलोर
7.	महबूब शाही गुलबर्गा	गुलबर्मा
8.	आजम जही मिल्स लक्ष्मीपुरा	वारंगल